The Story

For The Young & Young At Heart

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Once upon a time
in Connecticut,
a baby girl named Ann
was born to two
very special parents.

Before baby Ann was born...and even before her parents met each other...her dad was a soldier during World War II.

And her mom
had a job right here
in the United States
that helped soldiers
around the world
do their work.

After the war,
the two met, fell in love
and got married.
They had four children,
baby Ann being the
youngest.

As baby Ann became
little girl Ann
and then big girl Ann,
she learned a lot
about her parents.

She noticed that her dad was funny and liked to sing silly songs...

and that her mom was sweet and liked to bake tasty treats.

She noticed that they both liked sports and they both liked to help other people. They were kind to family, friends, neighbors and even strangers.

By the time she was all grown up, Miss Ann had seen her parents' acts of

kindness so often
that all she had
to do was close
her eyes and she
could picture them
reaching out
their hands in
love to other people.

After college,
Miss Ann went to
work for several
organizations and
then started her own
business, making
handcrafted giftware.

But she never forgot about her parents' loving hands.

For a long time,
she tried to come up
with a really big idea

that would allow her to follow their example. Miss Ann wanted to reach out in kindness to other people, too. People all around the world!

Miss Ann thought about the fact that her dad had been a soldier and her mom had a job that helped soldiers. She knew that soldiers have very difficult jobs.

They protect the entire United States of America and every one of us! Sometimes their jobs take them far away from their families and friends. That's hard!

Miss Ann realized that she and her parents used their hands to make people happy. Her hands made gifts. Her parents' hands performed good deeds.

Miss Ann knew that another way to say you make people happy is to say you touch their hearts. That's cool!

Finally, all these different thoughts came together and Miss Ann had a plan!

She decided to make thank-you gifts for members of the military, the men and women who are serving

right now
and those who
served in the
past. The gifts
would remind
the service
members that
we love and
support them.

Miss Ann named her program Hands Touching Hearts and used tracings of her parents' hands to create the program logo.

Her dad's hand
is on the left and
her mom's hand
is on the right.

Miss Ann makes the thank-you gifts with her hands. She includes tracings of her parents' hands on every one of the gifts. And then she invites other people to decorate the gifts with their hands.

Miss Ann started Hands Touching Hearts in 2017. Since that time, thousands of people of all ages have decorated gifts.

Now, she's inviting

YOU!

Would you like to be a part of Miss Ann's big plan and use your loving hands to touch a service member's heart?

To learn more about
Hands Touching Hearts
and all the gifts created
through the program, visit:

www.Anns.work

and click on "Salute Our Troops."

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Hands Touching Hearts is a global outreach effort that gives Americans of all ages the opportunity to decorate handcrafted thank-you gifts for United States military personnel.

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